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## Montana Department of Livestock - Animal Health Now Accepting Credit Card Payments

**HELENA, MT – February 24, 2016** - The Montana Department of Livestock's Animal Health Division is now accepting credit card and electronic checks as payment for 15 different animal health special permits and certificates, including Annual Equine Import and Seasonal Grazer permits.

Prior to accepting credit card payments, applicants were required to mail in payments with their applications. As of January 4, 2016, customers can pay for their applications online with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover card, or an electronic check. Individuals also have the ability to call the main office and make payments over the phone.

"In 2015, the department processed 1,451 payments for animal fees through mail using checks or cash. The new online system expedites processing payments for applicants," said Dr. Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian of the Department of Livestock.

Customers will still be required to submit an application by either mail or email. Once the application and payment are received, the applicant will then be issued their permit or license.

Online payments for permit, license, or certification applications can be made by visiting <a href="https://www.animalhealthmt.com">www.animalhealthmt.com</a>, or over the phone by calling 406-444-2043.

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